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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Post-Mortem of NIE Production for the Period
1 July to 31 December 1954

This review of intelligence deficiencies has been based on the production of the last six months of 1954 and is limited to those estimates in which specific gaps were revealed. The remaining estimates are listed separately at the end of the paper. The deficiencies noted in this study identify areas in which intelligence information is inadequate due either to gaps in collection or in research and analysis. No attempt is made to deal with the validity of substantive judgments made in the estimates. Papers are reviewed in the regular sequence of the numbered series in which they fall and no order of priority is implied. Gaps noted at the time of production which have since been closed have been omitted.

GENERAL

There continue to be significant deficiencies in our intelligence information, notably on the Sino-Soviet Bloc. The gaps in this area are largely due to the great difficulties of collection in the face of the stringent security policies of the Communist countries. More effective exploitation of available information is also desirable. In most non-Communist areas, with the exception of Southeast Asia, the problem is more one of research and analysis than collection since great quantities of data are available.

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